"O Tannenbaum" memorial heisted

Sigma Chi Epsilon Fraternity members are watching their hats, coats, books, cars, everything.

According to Larry Wilgus, SCE president, the fraternity has been subjected to three major thefts and an act of "blatant" vandalism in the last few weeks.

"Two Fridays ago, the granite 'O Tannenbaum' memorial was heisted from the front of the school," said Wilgus.

The marker was donated to the school by the fraternity, along with a permanent Christmas tree last December 13.

SCE Active John Schick, whose parents provided the tree, discovered the theft of the $100 stone. Campus police are pressing an immediate investigation.

During winter quarter Rush Week, a Sigma Chi display of fraternity officer photographs was destroyed by vandals in the main hall. According to Wilgus, the display was defaced while classes were in session.

About a week after the incident, the fraternity camera used to make the display photographs was stolen from the Greek Room on the second floor.

"The thieves did a thorough job," said Wilgus, "they even took all our film."

The least costly theft of SCE property occurred last Friday as the fraternity's pledge plaque was stolen from the Greek Room.

Wilgus claims that Sigma Chi members are currently "keeping their eyes open" in an effort to halt the current crime wave against them.

Clubbers wing it to USAF Museum

Stark Branch's Flying Club will make the longest trip ever taken by a Branch organization Sunday as the group flies to the U.S. Air Force Museum at Dayton.

The club's chartered DC-3 leaves Akron-Canton Airport at 9 a.m. for the 180-mile trip to Cox Municipal Airport in Dayton. From this field, the group will motor to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, site of the museum.

Twenty-six persons are tentatively scheduled to make the jaunt, according to Flying Club Advisor William Bouschor, a geology instructor here.

The museum has been dubbed "The Attic of the Air Force" because it contains a large selection of historical and modern aircraft.

WHAT DO THE NEIGHBORS THINK?

Area residents bare all in survey

How do the Jackson Township residents whose homes surround the campus feel about having Stark Branch as a neighbor for the past two years?

An interesting question, so Montage sent seven staff members door-to-door to find the answer. Here is what they learned in asking seven key questions.

1. What is your general opinion of Stark County Branch?

People living around the campus generally agree the University is a definite advantage to the locality, and 100 percent of those surveyed expressed a good image of the Branch.

Mrs. Charles Clamp of Echo Valley Rd. "loves" the school and "would rather look at the building than a farm."

Area residents agreeing the Branch projects a good image include Mrs. William Griffith, Mrs. George Barnes, Donald Kistler and Bob Gun.

Steve Kraig of Echo Valley Rd. and Mrs. Beverly Hentges of Echowell Rd. agree that Stark Branch has "upgraded the area, and everyone could gain by it."

Some residents suggested ways the Branch could improve its image.

"Fixing the roads," was suggested by Mrs. Roy Zimmerman of Echo Valley Rd.

Mrs. Steve Kraig of Echo Valley said, "University facilities such as the proposed softball field should be open to all area children."

Mrs. Genaro Fernandez of Echo Valley said students could serve the residents by "having no riots and continuing to behave."

2. What problems has the University caused?

The only major complaint cited by the local residents concerned traffic problems.

A common response to the question was reflected by Mrs. Clamp who said, "Traffic tie-ups have resulted (Continued on page four)
Gravely inaccurate accusations

Editor:
The Montage news story "$400 error found in senate records" (April 11) contained some gravely inaccurate accusations made against myself by a few senators which I feel must be corrected.

Essentially, I was accused of "gross irresponsibility" by making a $400 error in the senate books as student government treasurer. The actual fact is that this "error" was caused by the gross irresponsibility of some other segments of student government.

Three hundred dollars of the alleged $400 error was never on the senate books when I received them in October, 1968. In a letter entitled "Student Activity Funds Procedures", from the director of business affairs is this provision:

"A finance book listing the current balance and amount budgeted to the organization will be furnished to each organization at the beginning of the fall quarter."

Consequently, I had no idea that the senate was entitled to it. This means that $303 was overlooked by David Seffens, student body president, who had made entries in the books before my appointment as treasurer.

Furthermore, the office of business affairs was uncertain as to which organization was actually entitled to the $303. For me to record the $303 in the senate books would have been an unauthorized claim to the money's ownership.

The balance of the $400 error alleged in the charges consisted of bills which I had never received a receipt for and thus never subtracted from the total balance. This is a practice which I have followed throughout the year as student government treasurer and has been endorsed as the correct procedure by the secretary of Branch business affairs. To this day, I have received no receipts for those expenditures.

Obviously, the charges against myself are founded in irresponsible bookkeeping made before my appointment as treasurer and in the continuing ignorance concerning bookkeeping procedures at this school.

In view of the facts presented above, I feel that it is contingent upon my accusers to make just retractions.

Mark Sokol

Branch students speak in churches

Three Branch students spoke at area Methodist churches Sunday in conjunction with the Methodist Christian College Day. About 60 churches and students are participating in the program throughout the state under the direction of Richard G. Cheney, director for higher education for the Methodist Church in Ohio.

Cheney worked through Rev. William Casto, director of the Interfaith Campus Ministry, in the Stark County area.

The students, Toniann D'Antonio, Elaine Whiting and Robert Bernier, spoke on the topic "The Church and Higher Education."

Rev. Casto who asked the students, two of whom are Roman Catholic and the other Lutheran, to talk said, "I think it is important to share in the ecumenical spirit by using non-Methodist students." He further said, "I would like to expand the program to involve 20 or 30 Stark Branch students a year."

Miss D'Antonio spoke at The Church of the Lakes in Canton, Miss Whiting at the Beach City United Methodist Church and Bernier at the Clinton United Methodist Church.

Folk singing Gordons to sing tonight at 8

Helen and Ray Gordon, a folk-duo, will present a program of country folk songs and songs from around the world tonight at 8 in Lecture Hall 100.

The program is a part of the Student Activities Council - sponsored artist lecture series.

Branch students will be admitted free.

The Gordons have appeared at various colleges and concert halls throughout the world. Recent appearances have been made by them at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall in New York City along with numerous television and radio performances.

The duo has traveled in Europe, the Middle East and the Caribbean singing and trading songs.
Pledges endure Hell Week system

By Bill Wallace

For fraternity and sorority pledges to become active, they must undergo a systematized week of degradations, deprivations and derogations called Hell Week.

A typical H-Week was experienced by Phi Delta Psi fraternity pledged Mark Sokol, Lyn Strazi, Chuck Thompson, Pete Huegel, Jeff Sigler, Gary Hose, Steve Sabo and Brent Risnyder.

Big night for these pledges was April 11, when they met with actives at the "K" at 8 p.m. Most of the actives were home by 1 a.m., while no one knows when the pledges arrived home (except for the pledges themselves).

After having recovered for a week, the pledges were dubbed into the organization after a banquet at the Town and Country restaurant and a ceremony in Lecture Hall 100.

Coach "Buzz" Miller hospitalized

By Bob George

Stark Branch's golf team coach, Clarence "Buzz" Miller, has been hospitalized with a heart ailment.

Plans are being made to name a new coach since Mr. Miller's illness may make him a long-term resident of Timken Mercy Hospital.

Charley Whipperman will take over the team reigns for the present and no interruptions in the regular schedule are foreseen.

Ange Spitalie and Brad Rotar led the Stark Branch to golf victories this week over Walsh, Malone and Ohio State Newark at Edgewood Golf Club.

In a triangular Monday, Kent defeated Walsh 12-1/2 - 11-1/2 and Malone 15 - 9. Spitalie took medalist honors with a 74 followed closely by Rotar's 75.

Stark's second victory came over

Ohio State Newark by a 4 - 1 margin. Rotar led both teams with a three-over-par 38 followed by Tom Ivan with 39.

The Wee Five and a Half defeated the Gunners 32 - 22 to take the intramural basketball championship for the second year in a row.

Benny Greco led the Wee Five who are captained by Anthony Willis. Other team members are Dick Heakin, Dave Seffens, Mike Simms and Jerry Konchar.
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at the Fulton-Frank Road and Fulton-Everhard Road intersections. Students travel on our street very fast and it is dangerous for small children. The street was in bad shape before, but now it's worse. We call it 'rock and roll.'

Another suggestion came from Mrs. R.A. Larkin of Echo Valley who wants a 15 m.p.h. speed limit imposed on her street.

3. Are you in favor of a recently proposed change in University regulations that would allow for the consumption of 3.2 beer at private functions of campus organizations under strict control?

The neighbors were almost evenly divided on this question. Most of them did not understand the limits of the proposal.

Under the recommendation sent for approval to Branch Director Jack Morehart from the Student Affairs Council, 3.2 beer could be served at private functions on the campus. No beer would be sold.

Of those residents questioned, 27 percent said yes to the proposal, 29 percent gave a qualified yes, 38 percent said no and 6 percent were undecided.

A typical reaction came from Mrs. Lucille Williamson of Echospring Rd. who said, "They should not serve beer. They're there to study, not drink."

Delbert Hupp of Echospring thought there is a bar at Stark Branch with beer being sold over the counter. When the situation was explained to him, he said, "I'm still against it.

They can get plenty of beer without going to college."

Mrs. Harry Walters of Echo Valley said, "I don't like having beer so close to my house."

Many residents such as Mrs. Roy Zimmerman of Echo Valley said, "I think beer is OK."

Most of those interviewed who approved of beer here had some reservations, such as Mrs. Clamp who said, "I can't see having beer, but if they abide by the rules set-up by the school, it is better to have the drink on campus than off."

Perhaps the most agreeable person the Montage survey spoke to was an unidentified Echo Valley resident who said, "Whatever the younger generation wants to do is all right with me."

4. Do you think the state should allocate more money for expansion at Stark Branch?

Most residents favored expansion of the school, but were against new taxes.

Many said the University should expand gradually here.

A general view was expressed by Mrs. Beverly Hentges of Echo Dell Rd. who said, "I want more money spent, but don't increase the taxes."

An unidentified resident said, "I do not think the school should grow too fast or the effort will lose impact."

Mrs. Robert Long of Echospring Rd. agreed that more tax money should be spent at Stark Branch, but said technical education should also be included. "A lot of people can't go to college and need training," she said.

Mrs. W.R. Sibila of Echospring felt the school should get more tax dollars, but said, "We must remember that southern Ohio is poor and has education needs down there."

Only two residents interviewed were against the state giving more than $2 million to Stark Branch.

5. How do you picture the average college student?

Although the mass media have shown restless college students across the country, area residents have favorable attitudes of the student here.

Mrs. Long said, "The average student is much the same as when I was a student, but more aware of things around him."

Mrs. Virginia Rice of Echo Valley Rd. agreed by saying, "I think they have a good image. The majority are good kids."

Some people accused the mass media of distorting the average college student. One unidentified resident said, "Newspapers do the distortion. I think the students are basically good."

Mrs. Sibila said, "There is a wide range of types of college students."

6. How do you feel the Branch's presence has affected your property values?

Answers show that nearly all area residents feel property values have risen due to the Branch.

Mrs. Paul Stitz of Echo Valley Rd. said, "The school is a great advantage and has raised our property values."

"We're sitting on gold mines here," is the way Mrs. Long commented on her property value increase.

7. Have you visited the Stark campus?

Most of the residents said they had never been through Stark Branch, although they would be interested if tours were available.

Judy Meinholtz of Echo Valley Rd. reflected this view, as did Mrs. Clamp who said, "Tours would be nice."

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